



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Mail Stop: RCE**
Takanori SHINOKI et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2000_0465A
Serial No. 09/529,255 : Group Art Unit 1771
Filed April 11, 2000 : Examiner Jennifer A. Boyd
SUPPORT MEMBER FOR SEMIPERMEABLE **Confirmation No. 5270**
MEMBRANE

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows: